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- During 1955 and 1956 a network of antitank obstacles was under construction in the area of As (N 50-13, E 12-11), near the Czech-Bavarian border. The obstacles consisted of parallel rows of equilateral pyramids. The pyramids were ferroconcrete, with sides about 80 centimeters long and a loop protruding from its top. The first row of pyramids built alongside of the wire obstacles was two or three meters from the wire obstacles and parallel to them; the second row of pyramids was about 120 - 150 centimeters from the first row. The pyramids in the same row were about 50 centimeters apart. The two rows of pyramids were interwoven by a strong steel cable running zigzag through the loops. Judging by the number of additional pyramids which were being transported into the area, it can safely be predicted that a third row of pyramids will be arranged shortly. The building of antitank obstacles seems to be done simultaneously with the rebuilding of the wire obstacles. The new wire obstacles are being built about 500 meters inland from the old wire obstacles. The building of new wire obstacles and of the antitank obstacles is done by special detachments of Border Guard (PS) troops.

- The Border Guard (PS) Battalion at As is commanded by Sr. Lt. Svoboda [redacted] Capt. Krejci, [redacted] is the battalion's supply officer. 25X1

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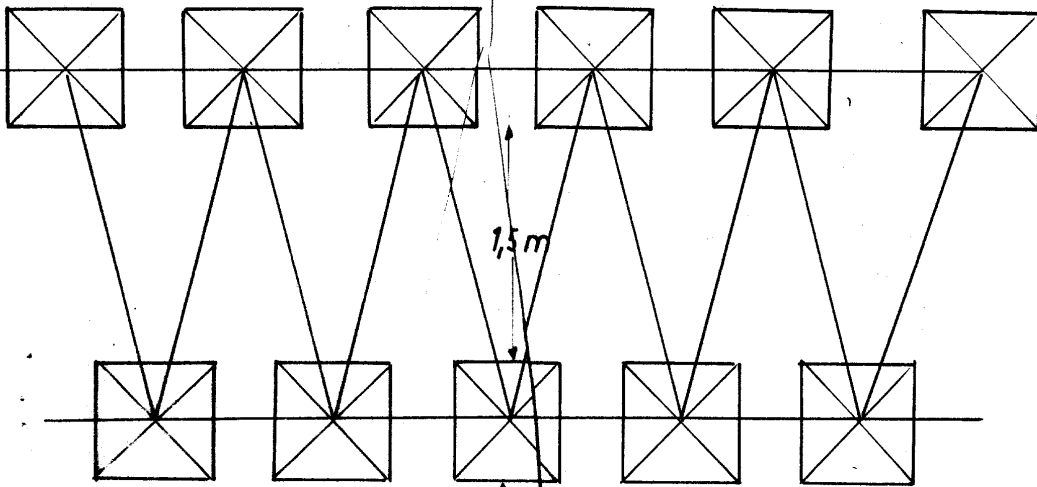
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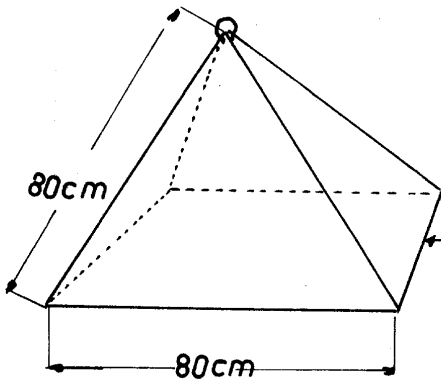
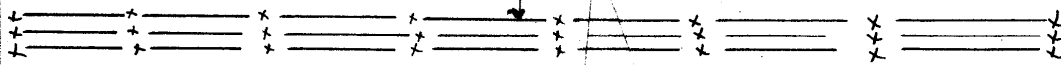
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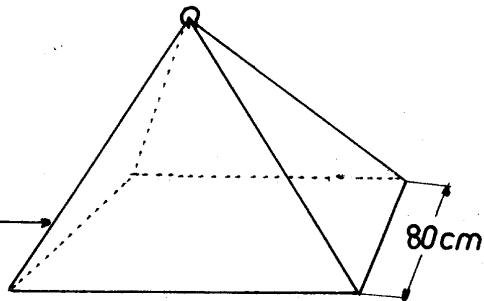
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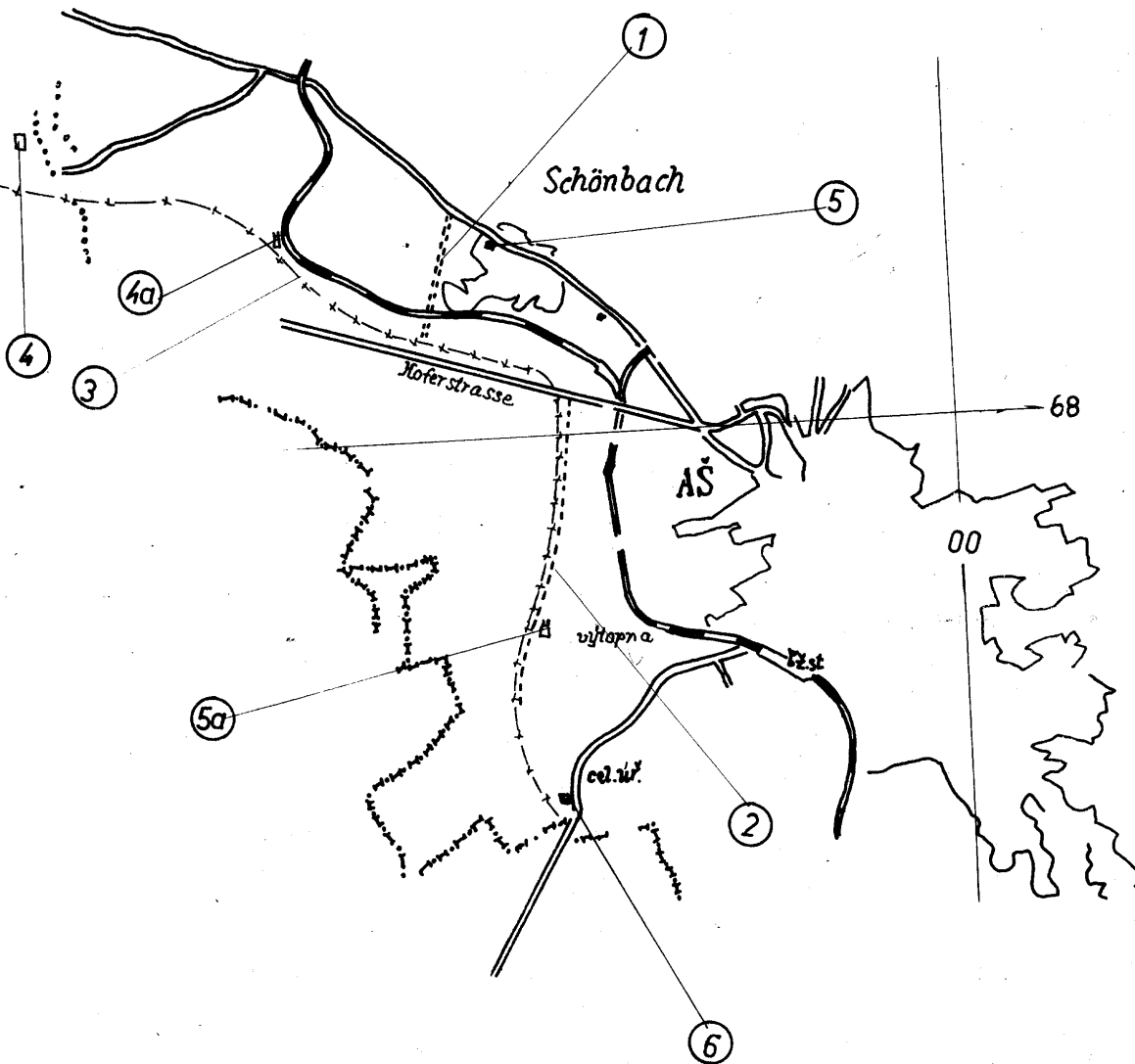


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(1) Double row of antitank pyramids, about 350 meters long. A third row of pyramids is under preparation.

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(2) First row of antitank pyramids; by the middle of May 1956 about 2.5 km long.

(3) New wire obstacles, built in summer 1955. It is about 500 m inland from the old wire obstacles. New observation towers were built simultaneously with the new wire obstacles.

(4) 4th PS Company (Stitary) quarters, wooden barracks. The company is 40 men strong. Sr.Lt. Otta Chmelar [redacted] is the company's commander.

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(4a) Contact point between the Stitary and Krasno PS Companies.

(5) PS Company Krasno, quartered in a civilian house. The company is about 40 men strong.

(5a) Contact point between the Krasno and Selb Companies.

(6) PS Company Selb, quartered in the former custom house. The company is about 40 men strong.

3. The PS Battalion As is commanded by Sr. Lt. Svoboda (fnu) [redacted]  
[redacted] Capt. Krejci (fnu) [redacted] is the battalion's supply officer.

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